

103D CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R. 1944**

**AMENDMENT**

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*July 21 (legislative day, June 30), 1993.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1944) entitled “An Act to provide for additional development at War in the Pacific National Historical Park, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. FINDINGS.***

2 *Congress finds that—*

3 *(1) June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks the*  
4 *50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of World*  
5 *War II in which United States forces captured the*  
6 *Japanese islands of Saipan and Tinian and liberated*  
7 *the United States Territory of Guam from Japan;*

8 *(2) an attack during this campaign by the Japa-*  
9 *nese combined fleet, aimed at annihilating the United*  
10 *States forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the*  
11 *battle of the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a*

1       *crushing defeat for the Japanese by United States*  
2       *naval forces and the destruction of the effectiveness of*  
3       *the Japanese carrier-based airpower;*

4               *(3) the recapture of Guam liberated one of the*  
5       *few pieces of United States territory that was occu-*  
6       *pled by the enemy during World War II and restored*  
7       *United States Government to more than 20,000 na-*  
8       *tive Guamanians;*

9               *(4) units of the United States Army, Navy, Ma-*  
10       *rine Corps, and Coast Guard fought with great brav-*  
11       *ery and sacrifice, suffering casualties of approxi-*  
12       *mately 5,700 killed and missing and 21,900 wounded*  
13       *in action;*

14               *(5) United States forces succeeded in destroying*  
15       *all Japanese garrisons in Saipan, Tinian, and*  
16       *Guam, which resulted in Japanese military casualties*  
17       *of 54,000 dead and 21,900 taken prisoner;*

18               *(6) Guamanians, notably members of the Navy*  
19       *Insular Force Guard and volunteer militia, bravely*  
20       *resisted the invasion and occupation of their island,*  
21       *and ultimately assisted in the expulsion of Japanese*  
22       *forces from Guam;*

23               *(7) at the hands of the Japanese, the people of*  
24       *Guam—*

25               *(A) were forcibly removed from their homes;*

1           (B) were relocated to remote sections of the  
2           island;

3           (C) were required to perform forced labor  
4           and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and  
5           death; and

6           (D) were eventually placed in concentration  
7           camps and subjected to retribution when the lib-  
8           eration of their island became apparent to the  
9           Japanese;

10          (8) the seizure of the Mariana Islands severed  
11          Japanese lines of communication between Japan  
12          proper and those remaining Japanese bases and forces  
13          in the Central Pacific south of the Mariana Islands  
14          and in the South Pacific as well;

15          (9) the Mariana Islands provided large island  
16          areas on which advance bases could be constructed to  
17          support further operations against Japanese posses-  
18          sions and conquered territories such as Iwo Jima and  
19          Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and the south  
20          China coast, and ultimately against the Japanese  
21          home islands;

22          (10) the Mariana Islands provided, for the first  
23          time during the war, island air bases from which  
24          United States land-based airpower could reach Japan  
25          itself; and

1           (11) the air offensive staged from the Mariana  
2       Islands against Japanese cities and economic infra-  
3       structure helped shorten the war and vitiate the need  
4       for the invasion and capture of the Japanese home is-  
5       lands.

6   **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       *It is the sense of Congress that—*

8           (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th  
9       anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be  
10      planned; and

11          (2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all  
12      necessary steps to ensure that two visitors centers to  
13      provide appropriate facilities for the interpretation of  
14      the events described in section 1 are completed, one at  
15      the War in the Pacific National Historical Park and  
16      one at the American Memorial Park, before June 15,  
17      1994, the beginning of the 50th anniversary of the  
18      campaign.

19   **SEC. 3. WAR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

20      Section 6(k) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize  
21   appropriations for certain insular areas of the United  
22   States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18, 1978  
23   (92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410 dd(k)), is amended by striking  
24   “\$500,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$8,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 4. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK.**

2        *Section 5(g) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize*  
3 *appropriations for certain insular areas of the United*  
4 *States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18, 1978*  
5 *(92 Stat. 492), is amended by striking “\$3,000,000” and*  
6 *inserting in lieu thereof “\$8,000,000”.*

Attest:

*Secretary.*